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1. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION, DR. MANUEL RUI MONTEIRO (MPLA), ANNOUNCED THE INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF ARTUR QUEIROS, A STRINGER IN LUANDA FOR LISBON'S "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" AND AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ANGOLAN OFFICIAL RADIO. QUEIROS IS CHARGED WITH HAVING UNJUSTLY MALIGNED FNLA IN A STORY HE SENT TO DIARIO DE NOTICIAS IN LISBON ON THE INAUGURATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ON JANUARY 31. IN THE STORY HE STATED THAT FNLA'S BRASS BAND, THAT PLAYED OUTSIDE THE PALACE DURING THE CEREMONY, REMINDED HIM OF THE ASCENT HITLERISM. ACCORDING TO MONTEIRO'S COMMUNIQUE THE REPORTER'S STORY IS AN AFFRONT TO ONE OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND DOES NOT HELP THE CAUSE OF UNITY. HIS CONTINUING STATUS WITH THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATION WAS ALSO PUT IN DOUBT.

2. THE FNLA SERGEANT KILLED ON FEBRUARY THREE WAS BURIED ON FEBRUARY SIX WITH FULL HONORS. PRESENT AT THE CEREMONIES AND ACTING AS PALLBEARERS WERE THE SENIOR FNLA MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT: PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNNY EDUARDO, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR NGOLA KABANKU AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR JOAO UNCLASSIFIED

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BAPTISTA NGUVULO. UNITA ALSO SENT A SUBSTANTIAL DELEGATION. IN

HIS ORATION NGOLA KABANKU SAID IT LITTLE MATTERS HOW THE SERGEANT DIED; HIS BRAVERY AND DISCIPLINE WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FNLA, WHICH HE SAID, SIGNIFIES ORDER, PEACE, DISCIPLINE AND WORK. THE SERGEANT'S DEATH SHOULD NOT BECOME A MOTIVE FOR REVENGE, BUT RATHER A STIMULUS TO ALL IN THE FNLA TO REDOUBLE THEIR FAITH IN THE FINAL VICTORY. HE THANKED UNITA FOR ITS FRATERNAL COOPERATION, SYMPATHY AND LOVE DURING THE MOST TRAGIC MOMENTS OF LIFE AND EXTENDED HIS SINCERE THANKS TO ANY MEMBERS OF THE MPLA WHO MIGHT BE PRESENT. IN CONCLUSION HE ASKED ALL THOSE PRESENT TO GO PEACEFULLY TO THEIR HOMES AND PLACES OF WORK AND NOT RESPOND TO THE PROVOCATIONS TO WHICH THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT ON THEIR RETURN.

3. JONAS SAVIMBI CONTINUED HIS TRAVELS THROUGH SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ANGOLA AND WAS IN ANDULO, NORTH OF SILVA PORTO, ON FEBRUARY SIX. HE SAID THAT UNITA WAS THE ONLY MOVEMENT THAT WENT INTO THE BUSH AND PLACED ITSELF AT THE SIDE OF THE PEASANTS. THOSE WHO KNEW HIM WAY BACK BEFORE 1958, SAID SAVIMBI, WITH HIS BICYCLE AND HIS MOTORCYCLE, THOSE WHO SAW HIM PLAY SOCCER, KNEW HE WOULD ALWAYS BE THE SAME. HE HAS NOT CHANGED A BIT, HE SAID; HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO RETREAT ONLY TO ADVANCE. IT SERVES NO PURPOSE TO TALK ABOUT WHO DID WHAT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION; NO GROUP EXISTS THAT SUFFERED MORE THAN UNITA. EVERYONE KNOWS TODAY OF UNITA'S CONTRIBUTION AT MOMBASA AND ALVOR. HE DENIED STORIES THAT HE IS OF A NOBLE FAMILY FROM BIE.

4. THE YOUTH WING OF MPLA (JMPLA) AND THE ANGOLAN WOMENS ORGANIZATION (OMA) HELD THE FIRST NATIONAL ENCOUNTER OF PROGRESSIVE YOUTH AT A STADIUM IN LUANDA ON FEBRUARY SIX. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING WERE SURROUNDED BY CONFUSION, THE SITE WAS CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND THE TURNOUT WAS DISAPPOINTING. PRESENT FOR THE ENCOUNTER WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE USSR, THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, ZAMBIA, THE PRC AND NORTH VIETNAM. THE JMPLA SPEAKER SAID THAT THE MPLA IS THE ONLY TRULY REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA. THE PEOPLE MUST UNITE UNDER THE GLORIOUS BANNER OF MPLA BECAUSE ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN THEY EFFECTIVELY FIGHT IMPERIALISM, WHICH IS ANGOLA'S NUMBER ONE ENEMY AND WHICH MANIFESTS ITSELF IN VARIOUS FORMS. THE ANGOLAN ECONMY IS STILL UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE. THE LIBERALISM THAT EXISTS IN SOME SECTORS OF MPLA MUST BE WIPE OUT, AS MUST INDIVIDUALISM. THE SPEAKER ISSUED A CALL TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE IN THE FACTORIES, THE FIELDS AND THE SCHOOLS.
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